

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have devoted an exceptional amount of time and energy to helping ensure that state government provides its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, Neel Shah has attained considerable distinction as the Clerk for House Research during the 92nd General Assembly, Second Regular Session; and

Whereas, a stellar member of the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC) School of Law Class of 2005, Neel Shah previously graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Grinnell College and participated in the UMC School of Law Child Protection Clinic; and

Whereas, House Research colleagues of Neel Shah have high hopes for his future success since the last House Research Clerk, Stephen Davis, went on to become the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the past few months have not been Neel Shah's first introduction to governmental processes since he had worked earlier for the Honorable Sandra L. Pappas, State Senator from Minnesota; and

Whereas, while working for House Research, Neel Shah assisted with bill summaries, error review, constituent requests, and amendment tracking; researched a variety of topics that included issues related to children and families, utilities, gambling, and the judiciary; conducted late-night dinner runs; and maintained a positive and cheerful attitude as he went the extra mile to complete a task for himself or others; and

Whereas, Neel Shah not only proved his worth each day in the House Research office, but also on the softball field during the legislature's annual charity softball tournament where he played on the Luzqwikendrink team and will long be remembered for his heart, spirit, and a tremendous play at third base; and

Whereas, previous employment with the Minnesota Timberwolves NBA team and several private law firms reinforced Neel Shah's determination not to pass up a dish of ice cream, piece of cake, or buffet at the Capitol; and

Whereas, Neel Shah is justifiably proud of the special relationship he shares with his loving parents, Pat and Jay Shah, and his younger sister, Neha Shah:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the work of Neel Shah as Clerk for the House Research Office and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional achievement for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Neel Shah.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Harris
District No. 23

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker